advertisements have been appearing in newspapers these days asking people to throw away their glasses through refractive surgery including the use of excimer laser despite the fact that the success rate of this technology is only 58 per cent and in many cases people may lose their eye sight; and

(b) if so, what are the details of this techn que and the success rate thereof and what action Government propose to take to warn the people of the ill effects of the technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The use of excimer laser technology for refractive surgery is new in our country. It is mostly used for myopia and astigmatism. There are no ill effects except that it is a painful procedure and may cause late corneal haze.

Completion of AIR and Doordarshan stations in Hissar

2906. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foundation stones of Doordarshan and AIR Stations were laid on 13th September, 1994 in Hissar (Haryana);

(b) if so, what target has been fixed for the completion of their construction;

(c) what steps have been taken for attaining the target;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the construction work of Doodarshan Station has not yet been commenced; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Foundation of AIR Station at Hissar was laid on 3.9.94 Bhumi Poojan at PGF site in Hissar was performed on the same day.

(b) to (e) Civil works in respect of AIR project is in progress and the project is likely to be completed by March, 1997. One HPT and one Studio Centre at Hissar are envisaged to be set up subject to availability of fund and other infrastructural facilities.

Additional Resources for PHCs under Social Safety Net Scheme in Madhya Pradesh

2907. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some districts in Madhya Pradesh with birth rates above 39 per thousand are being provided additional resources for Primary Health Centres (PHCs) by Government under the Social Safety Net Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what infrastructural facilities are being provided in PHCs with the additional resources in the State;

(d) whether Government have noticed any fall in the birth rate in any of these districts in the recent past; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEMA IQBAL SHERVANI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Social Safety New Scheme Five PHCs each in the 23 demographically weak district (birth rate above 39 per thousand) every year are being provided following additional facilities under the Social Safety Net Scheme:

(i) an operation theatre
(ii) an observation ward with six beds
(iii) a labour room
(iv) a generator
(v) a water pump
(vi) an ambulance, if not already available
(vii) Promotion of Information, Education & Commnication

For all these activities a lump-sum amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs per PHC has been provided. During 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 a sum of Rs. 1150 lakhs was provided and in 1995-96 a sum of Rs. 530 lakhs has been provided.

(d) and (e) There is no perceptable change in birth rate during last three years as the scheme is in different stages of progress in these districts.